



KINGSMEAD LIFE MAGAZINE

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FOREWORD

Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great pleasure that this final issue of Kingsmead Life is shared and brings to a close my first year of headship here at the school. It has been a privilege to join the team of families, staff and students, who have exceptionally welcoming, and see just how many opportunities are available for all at Kingsmead.

Such feelings of pride were at their highest last week during the John Taylor MAT Exceptional Achievement Awards. Thirty young people from across all the schools in the trust were awarded for contributions to the community, arts and sporting fields and charities. I was blown away by the quiet determination, resilience and kindness that young people demonstrate, sometimes in the face of adversity. From a Kingsmead perspective, six children, shown here on this page, had their own opportunity to shine. They are to be congratulated for their Exceptional Achievements.

I hope you can take some time to read through this magazine. Staff at Kingsmead have worked tirelessly in this final term of the year to not only prepare Year 11 and Year 13 students for final exams, but also put on so many clubs and trips that open up opportunities. I am grateful for these efforts.

The new term will come around quickly, but in the meantime I hope that you all can have a relaxing holiday, recharge and look back with pride on 2025/2026.

With the best of wishes,

Mr. Averis
Headteacher



TRANSITION WEEK

A NEW ERA AT KINGSMEAD



We don't like to do anything by half at Kingsmead and, this year, transition for Year 6 students was no different.

Over 260 students will be joining us in September and we wanted to make sure that their introduction to Kingsmead was as seamless as possible. Students attended Kingsmead for six days, experiencing life as a secondary school student through a range of lessons, activities and challenges designed to help them prepare for the next stage of their education. Across the week, our newest cohort completed over 6000 individual hours of transition. They started the week as Year 6 pupils and finished it as Kingsmead students in waiting.

The aim of the week was simple: to ensure students feel ready to hit the ground running both academically and socially in September. This built upon the transition opportunities many had already experienced throughout the year, including football tournaments, coding workshops, farm visits, drama activities and singing events. By the time students arrived for Transition Week, many had already begun to see Kingsmead as their future school.

Of course, moving to secondary school can feel daunting. New classmates, new teachers and a much larger building can make for an overwhelming first day. However, supported by our Year 7 Student Ambassadors, students quickly settled into Kingsmead life. By the end of the week, students who had arrived nervously on Monday were confidently finding their way around the school, making new friendships and embracing new experiences.

One of the week's highlights was our Flying Start into Careers programme. Students had the opportunity to reflect on their own strengths and aspirations, creating LEGO models that represented the skills they already possess and those they hope to develop in the future. The creativity and thought that went into the models was a reminder of the huge potential within this year's cohort.

The week concluded with a celebration assembly where students' achievements were recognised.



Awards were presented to students who had particularly impressed staff and ambassadors through their conduct, effort and embodiment of our RIME values.

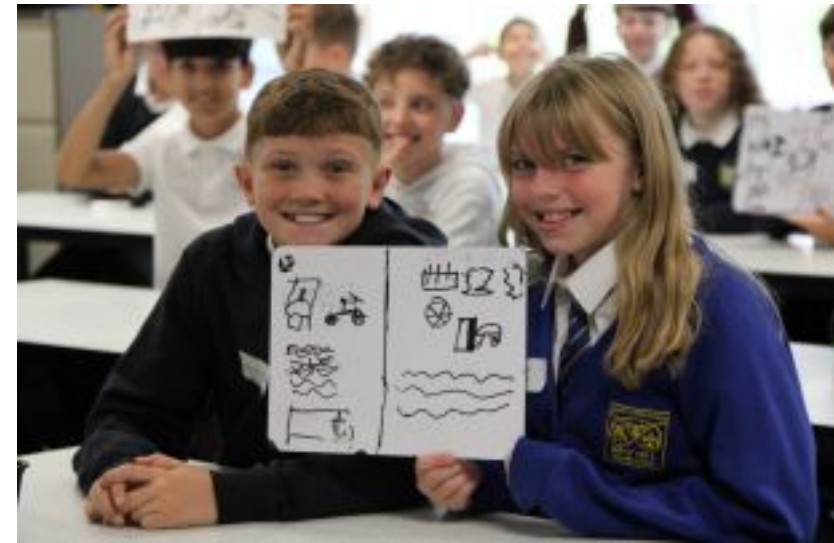
Perhaps the most powerful moment of the week came when former Kingsmead students returned to perform for Year 6. As students saw photographs of those pupils during their own transition week alongside images from their recent Year 11 Prom, they were given a glimpse of the journey that lies ahead. It served as a reminder that secondary school is about far more than lessons and qualifications; it is about growing into confident, capable young adults.

We have been incredibly impressed by how our future Year 7 students have conducted themselves throughout the week. Their enthusiasm, resilience and willingness to embrace new opportunities have been a credit to them, their families and their primary schools.

Although it has been noticeably quieter around school since they returned to their primary classrooms, we are already looking forward to welcoming them back in September.

After everything Year 6 showed us during Transition Week, we know they are ready for the next step in their journey.

We can't wait to see them again as members of the Kingsmead family.



YEAR 11 LEAVERS

A FOND FAREWELL TO CLASS OF 2026



We recently said a fond farewell to our incredible Year 11 students as they celebrated the end of their journey at Kingsmead with a series of memorable events.

Our Year 11 Leavers' Celebration was a wonderful occasion, bringing together students and staff to recognise the achievements of the Class of 2026. The presentation featured awards, inspiring speeches and fantastic performances, reflecting the hard work, resilience and talent our students have shown throughout their time at school.

The celebrations continued outside with one of our favourite traditions – shirt signing on the field – alongside ice cream, a bouncy castle and a friendly game of football. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to spend time together, reflect on their school years and create lasting memories before heading off on their next adventures.

The celebrations concluded with a spectacular Year 11 Prom. After months of dedication, revision and examinations, students enjoyed a well-deserved evening of celebration with their friends. The dance floor was full from start to finish as everyone embraced the opportunity to celebrate the end of an important chapter in style.

As we say goodbye to the Class of 2026, we couldn't be prouder of everything they have achieved. It feels like only yesterday they were finding their way around the school, and now they leave us as confident, capable young people ready to take on the world.

Thank you, Year 11, for the laughter, the memories and the many unforgettable moments you've shared with us. We wish each and every one of you every success and happiness in the future. Wherever your journey takes you, you will always be part of the Kingsmead story.



RIME FEATURE - MINDFUL

Mental Health Awareness Week was a big one for us at Kingsmead this year, and our whole school community got involved in celebrating it. With this year's theme being 'taking action', we wanted to shine a light on all the small things we can do to look after ourselves and each other — and the response from students and staff was amazing.

To kick things off, we asked students what helps them with their mental health and what makes them feel supported. It was brilliant to see so many young people openly sharing what works for them, and we posted their ideas on our social media. It was a great reminder that we're all in this together and that talking about mental health is something we should feel comfortable doing every day.

Students also received positive postcards from their tutors, each with a little affirmation to brighten their day. It was a simple gesture, but it really helped spread some positivity around the school.



During tutor time, students took part in a creative activity where they wrote their own positive affirmations on heart-shaped stickers. These will soon become part of a display in school — something everyone can look at when they need a boost or a moment of encouragement. This will be a lasting visual reminder of the kindness and support that exists within our school community, and how our students support each other with their mental health and wellbeing.

Music played a big part in the week too. Tutor groups created their own playlists filled with feel-good songs, and staff made one as well. These playlists were played in the mornings to help lift everyone's mood and start the day on a positive note. It was a fun and easy way to show how taking action for our mental health doesn't always have to be complicated — sometimes it's as simple as listening to a song you love.

On Thursday, staff were encouraged to wear green to show their support for Mental Health Awareness Week. Seeing so many people join in really highlighted how committed we are as a school to raising awareness and supporting wellbeing.

We're already excited to see what we can do next year to keep the conversation going and continue raising awareness around mental health at Kingsmead.

YEAR GROUP FEATURE - YEAR 10

A huge well done to all of our Year 10 students! Over the past few weeks, they have worked incredibly hard preparing for and completing their mock examinations. This year saw the introduction of a new approach to our mock exam process, and our students embraced the changes with positivity, resilience and determination. They adapted brilliantly to the new routines and expectations, demonstrating maturity and a fantastic attitude throughout.

To make the challenge even greater, the examination period coincided with two of the hottest days of the year. Despite the difficult conditions, our Year 10 students remained focused, committed and determined to do their very best. Their conduct throughout the exam period has been exemplary, and they have consistently demonstrated our RIME values through their resilience, innovation, mindfulness and employability. We are incredibly proud of the way they have supported one another, approached every exam with confidence and represented the school so positively. Congratulations, Year 10, you should all be extremely proud of your achievements.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Duckett's Hospitality and Catering group have been creating a real Greek sensation in the kitchen! As part of their preparation for their upcoming coursework, students have been developing an impressive range of practical skills, including deboning chicken thighs, pickling onions, making their own marinades and flatbreads, and refining their presentation techniques to produce dishes of a professional standard.

We are incredibly proud of the outstanding masterpieces they have created. Their creativity, precision and attention to detail have been evident in every dish, making the judging process far from easy. Mr. Laird was highly impressed when he visited to carry out the anonymous judging and commented on the exceptional standard of work on display. Congratulations to Kyla for achieving third place, Alessia for securing second place, and Ellis for taking first place in a very closely contested competition. A fantastic achievement by all involved, and the very best of luck as they continue preparing for their coursework.



JTMAT GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Last week, Kingsmead School proudly hosted the John Taylor Multi-Academy Trust Geography competition, bringing together talented students from Kingsmead School, Rugeley John Taylor School, Chase Terrace Academy, John Taylor Free School, Paulet High School and Blythe Bridge High School for a truly inspiring day of creativity, collaboration and environmental learning.

The competition, entitled "*Costumes for the Earth*", challenged students to design and create eye-catching costumes that explored geographical themes and highlighted innovative approaches to addressing the multiple planetary challenges facing our world today. Every student contributed in some way, demonstrating impressive teamwork, imagination and commitment throughout the project.

The costumes created through the competition will have an exciting future beyond the competition. Designs will be showcased at Seeds of Change, an exhibition taking place at Winterbourne House & Gardens, University of Birmingham, in September. Students whose work is featured will have the opportunity to represent not only their school but also the wider John Taylor Multi-Academy Trust at this exciting West Midlands youth-centred event.

A huge congratulations goes to John Taylor Free School, who were crowned overall winners of the competition. The award was presented by John Taylor MAT CEO Mr. Donoghue, who attended the event to celebrate the students' outstanding achievements and creativity.



At Kingsmead, we are incredibly proud of our students and the contribution they made to this remarkable project. Their enthusiasm, creativity and artistic talents were evident throughout, producing work that was both thought-provoking and visually stunning. They represented the school brilliantly and demonstrated just how powerful young people's ideas can be when tackling some of the most important issues of our time.

Kingsmead School thoroughly enjoyed welcoming students and staff from across the John Taylor Multi-Academy Trust. It was fantastic to see so many young people working together, sharing ideas and showcasing their creativity in such a positive and inspiring atmosphere.



SIXTH FORM

Celebrating the Class of 2026: Farewell to Year 13

As another academic year draws to a close, we proudly celebrated the achievements of our Year 13 students as they completed their Sixth Form journey and prepared to take their next exciting steps beyond school.

The end of Year 13 is always a special occasion. It marks not only the completion of two years of hard work, dedication and personal growth, but also the end of an important chapter in our students' lives.

To mark the occasion, students came together for a final assembly celebrating fond and funny memories. Photographs of events students have completed during their time in sixth form were shared; ranging from UCAS discovery days, sports day activities, playing crazy golf and classroom activities. Staff took time out to also attend the assembly and share their memories of the year group.

The assembly opened with the Beatles song, 'Here Comes The Sun' representing how we feel about Year 13 students here, they are our sunshine.

Many of our students are now preparing to progress to university, higher apprenticeships, employment or other pathways. Whatever their chosen destination, we are confident that they leave us equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to thrive in the future.



A Fantastic Start to Sixth Form: Year 12 Transition Day Success!

In June we were delighted to welcome our new Year 12 students for their Sixth Form Transition Day. The day was a huge success and provided students with the opportunity to experience life as a member of our Sixth Form community before officially starting in September.

Throughout the day, students took part in a range of activities designed to help them prepare for the next stage of their educational journey. They met members of the Sixth Form team, spent time with their future teachers, and had a 'flavour' of the subjects they have chosen to study as a Level 3 qualification. This gave students insight into the expectations of post-16 education, opportunities that lie ahead and to start to form new friendships, as well as present themselves in their smart new sixth form clothes.

We are looking forward to welcoming the new cohort back in September as the newest members of our Sixth Form.

CAREERS



What a busy summer term it has been!

Year 7 students had an exciting and educational visit to West Midlands Safari Park as part of their Geography curriculum. The trip provided a fantastic opportunity to explore ecosystems, habitats, and conservation in a real-world setting, bringing classroom learning to life. The trip also formed of the new modern work experience requirements for schools in which students are encouraged to learn about the different careers that exist within organisations. Students spoke to a wide range of WMSP staff about what they do at the park, their skills and qualifications. A memorable day of learning beyond the classroom!

Five female students were also selected to take part in some inter-school challenges at The Hex Group in Rugeley as part of their celebrations for International Women in Engineering Day. The team were brilliant, demonstrating their passion for STEM and impeccable behaviour.

Year 8 students had their first employer led assembly with Becky from Finning. As a Cannock-based firm, Finning support with a lot of careers-based activities in school, given that their apprenticeship manager Craig was once a student of our own. It was great to see Craig and the team giving back to the school and supporting the next generation of engineers.

Year 9 headed off to the University of Staffordshire to learn more about higher education as a future pathway. From Music production to Games Design and Engineering, students took part in taster session, seeing first-hand what it is like to be a university student. Students also got to speak to ambassadors about their courses and why they chose to study at the Uni of Staffordshire. Overall, it was a great and informative day.

Year 10 completed the mock interview day. With 30+ fabulous volunteers who interviewed their way through our largest year group, the feedback given was delightful. Students were an absolute credit to themselves and Mr. Laird. A special mention also goes out to Year 10 who have completed their first official mock week; the start of the GCSE preparation as the 12-month countdown gets underway.



CAREERS

Year 12 have successfully completed their work experience week, and well as their careers day. With sessions focussing on how to use Linked In, UCAS, and mock interviews, students are now well-prepped as they begin to prepare for their post-18 applications.

With 50+ applications pending on UCAS, as well as those with apprenticeships and employment opportunities in the pipeline, Year 13 have now headed off for summer as they eagerly await their exam results. Students were well and truly put through their paces over the exam period, but we wish them all the best as they venture onto their next steps.

As we wrap up academic year 2025-2026, we want to say a huge thank you to those who have supported with our careers events, helping us achieve an Ofsted approved stable and successful careers programme in which they stated that the "careers education and guidance offered is highly effective".



Dates for your diary (subject to change):

Thursday 13th August – A-Level Results Day

Thursday 20th August – GCSE Results Day

Tuesday 9th February – Careers Fayre

Please share this date with employers and businesses who might be interested in coming to speak to Kingsmead students. Interested volunteers can contact Mrs Kendall on n.kendall@kingsmeadschool.net

Tuesday 23rd March – Year 10 Mock Interview Day

We are on the lookout for 30 volunteers to support with the Year 10 mock interview day. If you'd like to receive more information, or if you can support, please contact Mrs Kendall on n.kendall@kingsmeadschool.net

Monday 5th – Friday 9th July – Year 10 Work Experience Week

With a change in statutory guidance, all Year 10 students will now need to complete 1-week of work experience. Support and guidance will be issued to both students and parents, with the expectation that students will find their own placements with the help of their families. More to follow in September but feel free to start asking potential employers/ businesses over the summer holidays.

HIGH-FLYERS

This term, after being selected and introduced to the High-Flyers programme, the Year 7 High Flyers participated in an exciting drop-down day, stepping into the role of the COBRa committee to respond to a fictional national crisis. Throughout this cross-curricular experience, students investigated diseases and vaccines in Science, explored economic impacts in Maths, and developed transcript-writing skills in English. The day culminated in each group presenting their action plan to the 'Prime Minister'. Their presentations were outstanding - delivered with confidence and showcasing the impressive range of knowledge and employability skills they had developed throughout the day such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. We may well have some future politicians in the making!

Year 8 High-Flyers have been busy this term with revision for their end of year assessments. Students have completed sessions focused on developing their metacognition skills about their subject strengths and areas of development. Students worked collaboratively to learn and try different revision techniques, to find what suited them best. This term students have had a session about careers and what subjects they want to choose in Y9 to support their future aspirations.

This half term, our Year 9 High-Flyers have taken part in a range of exciting opportunities to broaden their horizons and prepare for the future. Students completed a GCSE Options session, giving them the chance to explore the choices they will make next year and consider how their interests and aspirations can shape their future pathways. They also enjoyed a visit to Staffordshire University, where they toured the campus, took part in a Q&A session with current university students, and experienced engaging workshops in Music Production, Computing, and Engineering. The visit provided a valuable insight into university life and the wide range of opportunities available beyond school



Year 10 High-Flyers are busy preparing for their first set of important mock examinations so attended a session exploring revision techniques this half term. We discussed the importance of retrieval and considered a range of techniques including 'pomodoro' which breaks tasks into 25 minute chunks. In addition, the High Flyers participated in the school wide Careers Day then attended a special session with Mrs. Kendall exploring their post 16 options. They are going to end the term with a session on Super Curricular activities and how they can start building a profile of these for their University journey right now!

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT



During the last couple of weeks of term, our local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Keaton Martin delivered a series of engaging and informative assemblies to students in Years 7, 8 and 9.

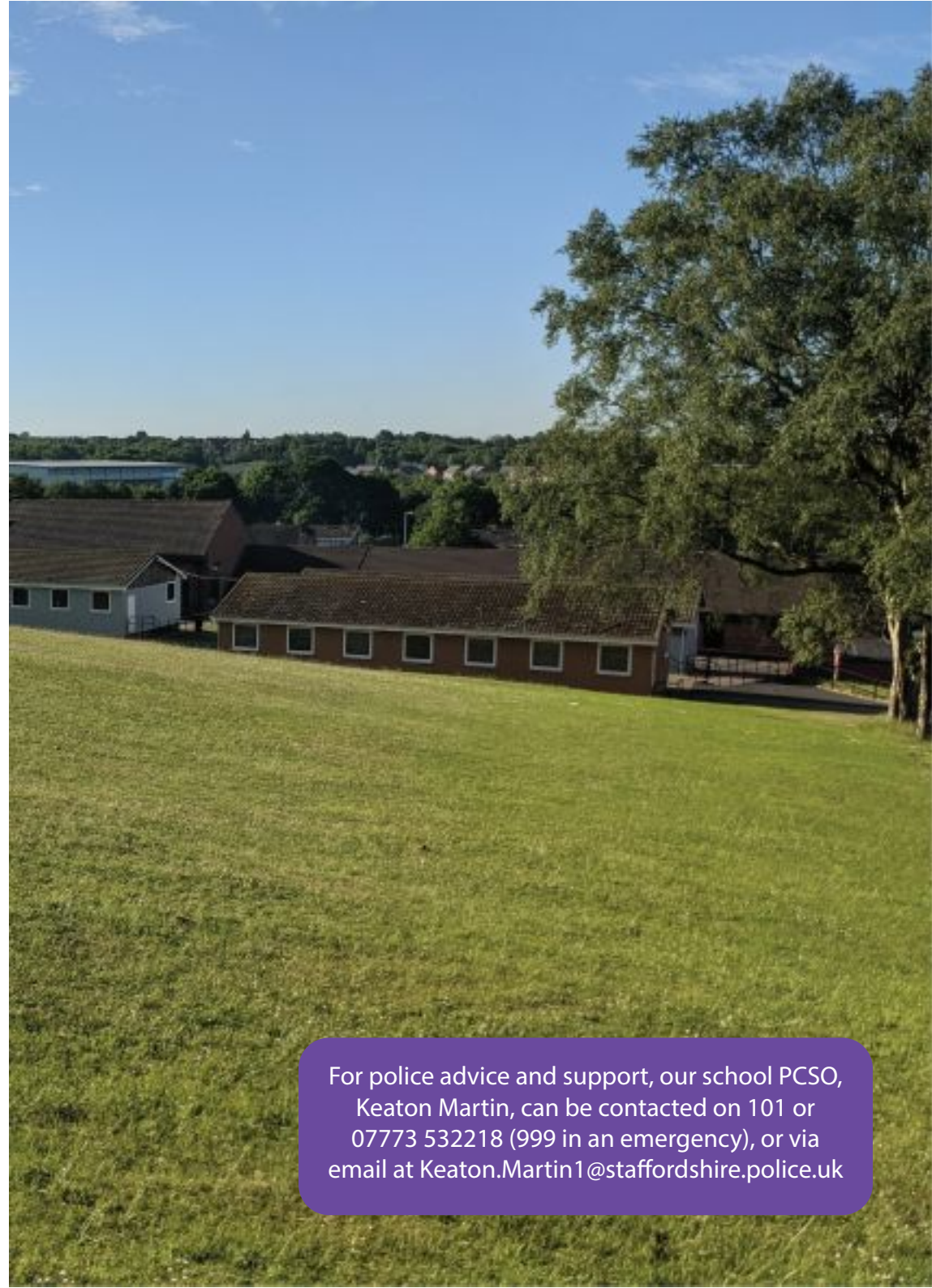
The assemblies focused on helping young people stay safe during the summer break, when they often have greater independence and spend more time socialising with friends, both in person and online.

PCSO Martin spoke to students about a range of important topics, including:

- Personal safety when out and about with friends
- Staying safe online and using social media responsibly
- Making positive choices and avoiding risky situations
- Road and transport safety
- Respecting local communities and public spaces
- Knowing where to seek help and support if they feel unsafe or concerned

Throughout the sessions, students were encouraged to think about how their decisions can affect both themselves and others, and were given practical advice to help them enjoy a safe and positive summer holiday.

We are extremely grateful to PCSO Martin for taking the time to visit our school and share his knowledge and experience with our students. Building strong links with our local neighbourhood policing team helps us reinforce important safeguarding messages and supports our ongoing commitment to keeping young people safe.



For police advice and support, our school PCSO, Keaton Martin, can be contacted on 101 or 07773 532218 (999 in an emergency), or via email at Keaton.Martin1@staffordshire.police.uk

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOPING RESILIENT, MINDFUL AND INFORMED YOUNG PEOPLE

Throughout this half term, students have been taking part in an exciting programme of PSHE that promoted healthy lifestyles, positive wellbeing, respectful relationships and being responsible citizens. The programme prepares our students for life beyond school while reflecting our RIME values: Resilience, Innovation, Mindfulness and Employability. Our programme is delivered in an age-appropriate way with our dedicated progress tutors.

Health, Wellbeing and Staying Safe

The topic for this half-term was based about keeping ourselves healthy and safe with sessions based on; healthy eating, balanced lifestyles, sleep, oral hygiene, self-examination and screening, body image, drugs, alcohol, vaping, smoking and gambling awareness.

We have also marked World Environment Day, discussed allergies and how our school community can be affected by this. We also revisited water safety to remind our students about making safe and informed choices, especially with the lovely weather we have been having (and hopefully continue to have) during the summer months.

Celebrating Diversity

Students have been exploring different beliefs and cultures including Wesak



(Buddhism), the Sikh Five Ks, Pentecost, the Summer Solstice/Humanist Day and the Five Pillars of Islam. We also looked at the importance of celebrating diversity through PRIDE month. These experiences encourage understanding, empathy and respect for everyone.

Whole-Child

At Kingsmead, PSHE and Personal Development prepares our students for managing their mindset and wellbeing, providing tools to support them through challenges they navigate during adolescence. Our programme this half-term focused on the following topics; The Power of Positivity, Unlocking Creativity, The Power of Self-Care, Appreciating Ourselves and Achievements, Growing Zest, Energy and Enthusiasm and Embracing Unique Gifts.

Special Visitor – Alison Cope

On Monday 13th July we were privileged to welcome Alison Cope to speak with our Year 9 students. Alison shares her family's powerful story following the tragic loss of her son, Joshua, to knife crime. Her inspiring message encourages young people to value relationships, make positive choices and understand that every decision matters and can have consequences.

Working Together

We encourage our parents and carers to continue conversations at home about the themes explored in school. Working together helps our young people become confident, compassionate and responsible members of society. We will be sharing with you the Autumn curriculum on our website shortly, including some powerful assemblies lead by the team from Loudmouth.

If you have any queries or require support on some of our topics, please contact Mrs. Frazer at c.frazer@kingsmeadschool.net

THE HOUSES

It has been another exciting and competitive term for our House system, with pupils across all year groups embracing opportunities to earn points, represent their Houses and showcase their talents.

One of the highlights of the term has been the hugely successful QuizMeat Tutor Quiz Competition. The final week saw some outstanding performances from tutor groups across the school, with forms such as 10-MGS, 11-EMY, 7-GRE, 8-DPD, 8-ESH, 9-GSL and 9-HHR all achieving top scores in their respective year groups.

Another feature this term has been the Design a Mascot Competition, which challenged students to create a unique identity for each of our four Houses: Phoenix, Gryphon, Pegasus and Drakon. The competition generated a fantastic range of creative entries, with students demonstrating imagination, artistic talent and a strong understanding of what each House represents. The designs captured the spirit and values of the Houses and have helped strengthen House pride across the school.

Alongside these competitions, students have continued to accumulate valuable XP through their efforts, achievements and contributions around the school.

The latest House point standings show Phoenix currently leading the way, with Pegasus and Gryphon close behind and Drakon continuing to challenge strongly.

While there is a current leader, the most exciting aspect of this year's competition is that there is still everything to play for. With Sports Day fast approaching, a huge number of points remain available through both the team and individual events. Every race, throw, jump and relay will contribute to the overall House standings, meaning the final outcome is far from decided.

We encourage all students to continue representing their House with enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship. Whether you are competing on the track, supporting your teammates or cheering from the sidelines, every contribution can make a difference.

Good luck to Phoenix, Gryphon, Pegasus and Drakon as we head into the final and potentially decisive stage of this year's House competition!





KINGSMEAD FARM



Our Year 7 Kingsmead Farm Work Experience students have been having a fantastic time getting to know all our wonderful animals on Kingsmead Farm!

Students have learned valuable information about animal care, daily routines, feeding, and the importance of meeting each animal's welfare needs. It is a brilliant hands-on experience that helps to build confidence, responsibility, and a deeper understanding of animal care.

We are looking forward to continuing Kingsmead Farm Work Experience with our new cohort of Year 7 students when they join us in September!

Beau and Skippy have had their annual haircuts! On 21st May, the sheep shearer visited to remove their thick winter wool, helping them stay cool and comfortable during the warmer summer months. If you see them looking a little slimmer than usual, don't worry—it's simply because all that fluffy fleece has gone!





During the very hot sunny days the pigs have loved rolling around in their mud wallows. A fun fact about pigs is that they can get sunburnt just like people! The pigs sweat glands do not work like ours, so they are unable to regulate their own body temperature. Therefore, the mud wallows ensure they can cool down and regulate their body temperatures.

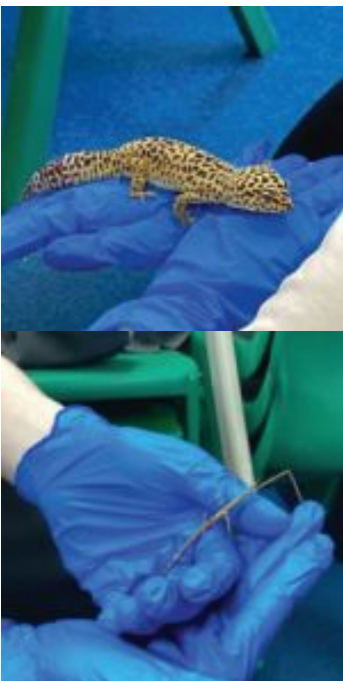


KINGSMEAD FARM

On the 4th of April, three chicks hatched ready for Easter. They are now all grown up and roaming freely with the rest of the group in the outdoor classroom.



The pigs moved into their new enclosure and pig stys on the 21st of April, they have thoroughly enjoyed eating and turning over all the grass.



Year 10 students have started their next component of Animal Care. They have been learning about animal behaviour and how to correctly identify normal and abnormal behaviour patterns when handling the animals. They are becoming increasingly competent with their handling techniques. Well done Year 10!

Olive the Hermann Tortoise has been enjoying the nice sunny days, as she has been exploring many different grass areas around school. Even though olive is a tortoise, and they stereotypically move slowly, Olive runs! We must keep a very close eye on her, so she doesn't get lost.



THE SPORTS REPORT

Our U13 and U15 teams took part in the England handball regional handball finals at WV Active, Wolverhampton, and both groups represented themselves brilliantly throughout the day. Our U13 teams battled hard all morning in a highly competitive event, narrowly missing out on qualification for the National Finals, but showing fantastic effort, teamwork, and resilience throughout. A huge congratulations to our U15 team, who have qualified for the National Finals at Nottingham University on 25th June. An outstanding achievement and a brilliant reward for all their hard work.



COUNTY CUP CHAMPIONS

The U16 girls football team played in the final of the County Cup against John Taylor High School this week at Stafford Town FC. They had an outstanding performance and produced a 5-1 victory to secure the county cup for the second year in a row, with goals from Aiyarin, Jess, Sophie, Frankie and Roxy.

JTHS were a challenging opposition and put up a determined battle with many great saves from the keeper but the Kingsmead girls rose to the occasion showing superb teamwork, resilience and quality throughout. A performance to be proud of and a fantastic achievement!!



Well done to Charlie in Year 10 for representing Kingsmead in the Cannock District Athletics Competition. He competed in the 1500m and came first by a large margin. His athletics has been going from strength to strength and he recently achieved a PB of 4m 17 secs in the 1500m, and is ranked 9th nationally for the 3000m. Keep up the great work!

Well done also to our other athletes who competed at the District Athletics. Notable achievements include Evie in Year 8, and Carter and Tristan in Year 7.



A huge congratulations to all of our netball teams for their fantastic performances in this year's district leagues and tournaments. All teams competed with great commitment, teamwork, and a positive attitude throughout. A special mention to our Year 7 and Year 8 teams who showed fantastic skill and determination, both finishing as District League Champions. What a brilliant achievement! We hope to build on this success next year.

Over the past few weeks, we selected 20 students to take part in the Leicester Tigers training programme at Kingsmead, which took place during enrichment sessions.

We would like to thank the coach, Kai, for sharing his outstanding knowledge and experience with the students. We look forward to continuing this partnership in the future, giving even more of our students the opportunity to develop and learn from the best.



Well done to the Year 8 Rounders team who were runners up in the Cannock District rounders tournament.

After a shaky start they got better and better! They batted and fielded well, showing excellent teamwork and communication skills. It was great to see them enjoying themselves and playing so well!

Well done to the Year 7 rounders team who played in the Cannock district tournament. It was a challenging competition against some strong opposition but the girls demonstrated determination and team spirit throughout. Confidence grew as the games progressed and lots of rounders were scored along with some brilliant fielding. A great all round team performance.





What an incredible achievement for our handball team! After winning both district tournaments and storming through the regional qualifiers undefeated, our talented squad earned their place at the England Handball National School Finals at the University of Nottingham.

Competing against 12 of the very best school teams in the country, and with most of the squad still Under-14s, they rose to the challenge with outstanding determination, skill, teamwork, and resilience. Finishing 9th in England is a fantastic accomplishment and a testament to the hard work, commitment, and passion they have shown throughout the season.

A huge congratulations to every player involved—you have represented your school with pride, determination, and sportsmanship every step of the way. Reaching the National Finals is an achievement to celebrate, and finishing in the top 10 in the country is something to be incredibly proud of. The future is exceptionally bright for this talented group. Well done, team!



Our Year 8 boys had an unforgettable experience at Leicester Tigers Stadium, thoroughly enjoyed every moment of the rugby tournament and representing the school brilliantly. A fantastic day of rugby, teamwork, and memories made, we're already looking forward to the opportunity to work with the club again in the future